

IN HONOR OF JUDGE NEWCOMB

BAR ASSOCIATION GAVE HIM A
DINNER.

It Was Served at the Jernyn Last Night and Was Attended by a Large Proportion of the Members of the Lackawanna Bar—There Was a Brilliant Array of Speakers and the Dinner Was an Enjoyed Affair in Every Way—Those Who Attended It.

Complimentary, indeed, was the complimentary dinner given at the Jernyn last night, by the bar of Lackawanna county to Hon. E. C. Newcomb, who on the first Monday in January, becomes one of the judges of this, the forty-fifth judicial district.

No more representative assemblage of the legal fraternity of the county ever gathered to do honor to one of their number. Few were the members



HON. E. C. NEWCOMB.

of the bar not in attendance, and comparatively fewer were the local notables of the profession who did not come to pay their respects to the universally honored and admired guest of the evening.

Seated to his right and left at the first table were President Judge H. M. Edwards, Judge John P. Kelly, Judge J. Wheaton Carpenter, President Judge Alton A. Vossburg, of the orphans' court; George S. Horn, acting chairman of the dinner; Ira H. Burns, toastmaster; ex-Supreme Court Justice Alfred Hand, ex-Judge W. H. Jessup, ex-Judge H. A. Knapp, John T. Lenahan, of Wilkes-Barre, Major Everett Warren, James H. Torrey, Hon. John F. Reynolds, of Carbondale; City Solicitor G. M. Watson, Colonel L. A. Watres, F. J. Fitzsimmons, M. J. Martin, W. J. Torrey, the four last named, with Judge Carpenter, comprising the speakers other than Mr. Newcomb.

At two long tables, set at right angles with the head table, and at smaller tables in the center of the room were the following:

THE GUESTS.

P. W. Stokes, Charles E. Over, H. D. Carey, T. J. McGowan, S. R. Price, John F. Savage, T. J. Duggan, John M. Harris, Clarence Blevins, S. W. Edgar, J. E. Burr, George M. O'Neil, Edward Merrill, James W. McDonald, Ezra H. Connell, H. H. Coston, George Howell, Russell Dimmick, Herbert L. Taylor, J. J. O'Malley, John R. Edwards, J. J. Manning, William Fitzgerald, D. L. Fickes, Joseph F. Gilroy, M. J. Tully, C. S. Woodruff, John F. Murphy, Hon. P. O'Malley, John L. Knapp, J. E. Watkins, Edward W. Thayer, R. J. Hoban, Frank M. Lynch, G. W. Benedict, Jr., Cornelius Conroy, Major T. F. Pomon, John R. Wilson, Hon. John F. Quinn, Colonel Herman Callahan, Thomas P. Duffy, R. L. Levy, Hon. M. E. McMichael, C. W. Dawson, George D. Taylor, W. G. Gayford, Thomas McKim, M. J. Donahoe, David J. Leary, John L. Egan, J. E. D. B. Replogle, H. W. Mulholland, Thomas P. Wells, C. A. Battandore, W. E. Davis, Charles E. Daniels, E. E. Boyle, A. V. Bower, Hon. M. F. Smith, Thomas J. Handley, John M. Corbett, Hon. W. W. Watson, W. S. Dick, W. A. Willcox, Worthington Scranton, A. H. McDonald, Palmer L. Williams, W. W. Taylor, John H. Jones, H. Harding, H. B. Patterson, C. E. Reynolds, W. S. Curry, M. W. Lowry, W. D. Coston, W. H. Jessup, Jr., C. A. Van Wormer, Schell H. Hensbury, W. L. L. Egan, after J. Hagan, James Gardner Sanderson, John J. Murphy, T. C. Von Storch, Robert J. Murray, Frank M. Vandling, H. A. Zimmerman, Fred E. Danahy, Anton Augustus, F. E. Andrews, F. E. Scott, Louis B. Carter, District Attorney W. R. Lewis, Joseph Joffrey, Sheriff Charles H. Schadt, and Nathan Vidaver, of New York city.

It was in every sense of the word an enjoyable dinner. The geniality so characteristic of the guest of honor, seemed to pervade the whole company. Everybody was in good humor and each seemed to vie with the other in adding to the social buoy of the occasion. The speeches were in every way in keeping with the occasion, and last but not least, in the way of the evening's features, the "disturbance committee," an invitation to adjourn to every bar banquet, was liberally and cleverly contributed to the fun fund.

THE DINNER.

The dining began at 9 o'clock. To the accompaniment of the newest music of a popular flavor, by the Lawrence orchestra, the following was partaken of:

Olives. Chicken. Beef. Potatoes. Green Peas. Claret Punch. Fruit. Mayonnaise. Shrimps. Cake. Asortia. Cheese. Crackers. Coffee.

Towards the end of the menu the orchestra broke forth in "America." The diners arose in a body, caught up the strain and sang two stanzas with truly patriotic fervor and in not what would be called bad voice.

It was close on 11 o'clock when cigars were passed and the post-prandial exercises inaugurated. George S. Horn, acting as chairman of the banquet committee, in the presence of Joseph O'Brien, who is ill, raised the usual pledge to order and after reading letters of regret from Judge P. P. Smith, Judge R. W. Archibald and Deputy Attorney General Frederic W. Fleitz, introduced Ira H. Burns as toastmaster. Mr. Burns was very cordially greeted. In fact the cordiality of his greeting was such as to bring from Mr. Burns a mild rebuke to the demonstrative younger members of the bar, comprising the "disturbance committee." It was in the shape of a story to the effect that when Mr. Sturges was traveling in Egypt, a donkey which he was astride began kicking and got its foot caught in the stirrup which provoked from Mr. Sturges the remark, "If you

are going to get on, I'll get off." Mr. Burns was able to proceed with some degree of facility after this. Mr. Burns, as may be believed, made a most acceptable toastmaster. His remarks introductory of the different speakers were witty, pithy and to the point and his stories, as they always are, were new, apt and brief.

JUDGE-ELECT NEWCOMB'S REMARKS.

None of the speakers attempted any extended remarks of a serious nature. Judge-elect Newcomb, upon being introduced, was greeted with enthusiastic applause and given most respectful attention, but despite this evident invitation to proceed with a speech, he contented himself with a few witticisms and an expression of his appreciation of the occasion.

"I feel," said he, "that the expressed and implied honor involved in this event, is not strictly intended as a personal compliment, but rather as a token of the true civility of the bar towards its judiciary."

"Those courts are the most useful where the bench and the bar have a sense of joint liability for the righteous, efficient administration of the law. It shall be my effort to sustain the reputation that the bench of Lackawanna county now enjoys, and if I succeed it will be largely due to the co-operation of the members of the bar. I venture the hope that such co-operation will not be wanting."

Another burst of hearty applause followed Mr. Newcomb's remarks. If there was ever any question of his popularity with the lawyers, it was removed by the reception accorded him last night. There was no mistaking the genuineness, the heartiness of his brother lawyers' demonstrations of admiration and good will.

The programed speakers had been assigned various toasts of a legal character. None of them, of course, were expected to speak on their texts, and none did more than make a mere reference to the subject.

Sandwiched in between the programed speakers were a number who had received no word that they would be expected to say anything. The first of these was John T. Lenahan, of Wilkes-Barre, representing the Luzerne bar. He briefly extended congratulations and well wishes.

JUDGE CARPENTER'S RECEPTION.

Judge Carpenter's reception at the hands of the bar and members belokened the fact that short though his career as a judge has been his worth has come to be truly appreciated. When Toastmaster Burns, in his introduction, spoke of Judge Carpenter as the man for the next vacancy on the superior court bench, the applause that followed was of that hearty, spontaneous character which leaves no room for doubt as to its being an unreserved declaration of full accord with the sentiment expressed.

Judge Carpenter made a very happy response and proved that among his many other accomplishments he is a very good after-dinner speaker.

In his reference to the guest of honor, Judge Carpenter said: "I have the most profound admiration for Brother Newcomb. He has been known each other from boyhood and as long as we have known each other we have been friends. We were never better friends than we are today."

Judge Carpenter followed with some very complimentary allusions to Mr. Newcomb's ability and general fitness for the bench and then indulged in some pleasant anent the election.

Hon. C. P. O'Malley, one of the speakers called upon unexpectedly, was found fully equal to the occasion. His run of brilliant sallies and clever stories contributed in no small degree to the evening's entertainment.

The next set toast was "Obliter Dicta," to which Colonel L. A. Watres was selected to make the response.

After paying a high compliment to the Lackawanna bench, Colonel Watres said he was glad of the opportunity to join in paying respect to the new member of the Lackawanna judiciary. "His probity and ability," said Colonel



ATTORNEY J. H. BURNS,
Toastmaster.

Watres, "are unquestioned. He will never walk on carpet and he will bend low his ear to catch either censure or applause."

VISITOR FROM NEW YORK.

"The Prodigal Cat" was the toast Mr. Burns assigned to the next important speaker, Nathan Vidaver, of New York, formerly of the Lackawanna bar. Mr. Vidaver was given a warm greeting. He made a happy response and provoked no end of applause and laughter.

Colonel Fitzsimmons' response to the toast, "Contributory Negligence," was a series of happy quips and jests at the expense of various members of the bar. M. J. Martin and W. J. Torrey were the other two speakers on the program. Both acquitted themselves in a manner that bore them prominently as candidates for distinction as after-dinner talkers.

Impromptu speeches in response to calls from the assembly were made by Major Everett Warren, President Judge Edwards, Judge Kelly and Judge Vossburg.

Judges Edwards and Kelly were particularly happy in their references to their association with Judge Carpenter. Judge Edwards said: "We have had the company of a gentleman on the Lackawanna bench, a gentleman in all that can be injected into the word. He is a man whom it is a pleasure to associate with. As a jurist, acquainted with the principles of law and having the ability of correctly applying them, Judge Carpenter has never had a superior on the Lackawanna bench. He also extended welcome and good wishes to Judge Newcomb."

"As I once heard a legislator in Harrisburg say," began Judge Kelly, "the gentleman who precede me concurred in my views." He then went on to say he heartily endorsed everything that had been said of Judge-elect Newcomb and also of Judge Carpenter, and added

ed some graceful commendatory words of his own.

GAVE HIMSELF UP.

Young Virginian Says He Stole from a Norfolk Friend.

"I want to give myself up," said a well-dressed young man to Patrolman Thomas Jones, on Penn avenue, yesterday afternoon. "I'm from Norfolk, Virginia, and I stole \$28 and a watch from a friend of mine last summer. I've been worrying about it ever since, and I've just decided to go back and face the music."

The patrolman was rather taken aback, but he walked along with the young man to the central police station, where the latter was locked in a cell. He told Superintendent Tobling shortly afterwards that his name was Thomas Ahearn, and that he took the stolen property from John McDowell.

"It's been weighing on my conscience so heavily," said he, "that I couldn't stand it another minute longer."

The superintendent communicated with the Norfolk authorities last night.

BASIS OF ASSESSMENT.

Nine-tenths of the Property in the City Is Rated as First-class by City Assessors.

It will surprise many persons to learn that the board of city assessors, in making the assessment for the coming fiscal year, has classified nine-tenths of the property in the city as first-class, on which a full tax rate must be paid.

The members of the board, in starting out to make the assessment, had practically decided to classify a part of the residence property of the city as first-class, but were inclined to classify the large part of it as second-class. After correspondence with the assessors in Pittsburg and Allegheny and conference with the city solicitor they finally decided to classify all residence portions of the city as first-class, the same as all business blocks.

The law says that all "built-up" property shall be classified as first class, and the assessors in Pittsburg and Allegheny have for years interpreted this to mean all built up property, no matter whether used for business or residence purposes. The local assessors have resolved to be guided by the action taken by their Pittsburg and Allegheny brethren, inasmuch as the latter claim to have court decisions sustaining their position.

The one-tenth of the property remaining in the city is about evenly divided as regards classification, between second class or "suburban" and third class or "agricultural." The property in a few of the outlying suburban parts of the city, such as Richmond Park, has been classified as second class, while some wild and unimproved land in the Third and Twenty-first wards has been classed as agricultural. Second-class properties pay two-thirds of the full tax rate and agricultural properties one-half.

The assessors announced yesterday that they will be ready to hear appeals on the assessment after January 1, at specific dates to be fixed later. Any alterations which may need to be made to the assessment are to be made on the 15th, so that when the figures are copied finally into the assessment books they will not need to be changed.

RECITAL FRIDAY EVENING.

Will Be Given by Pupils of St. Cecilia's Academy.

A recital by the music class of St. Cecilia's Academy will be given on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock in St. Thomas college hall. In order to increase the building fund for the new Mount Saint Mary's Academy, an admission fee of twenty-five cents is asked, and tickets for admission can be procured at St. Cecilia's Academy or from any of the pupils of the school.

As these recitals have ever commended themselves to the Scranton public for their excellence, it will be needless to comment on the pleasure the audience will derive from the rendition of the following programme:

Christmas Anthem—"The Hush of Night Halls Fall." Organ—Miss Mary O'Hara.
Violin—Miss Josephine Larrivee, Anna Kane, Teresa Loughear, Master Francis Lottor.
Soprano—Duet. Misses Lucille Wilk, Josephine Caffrey.
"O Salsline." Miss Mary Smith.
"Glimmering May Belle." Misses Angela Healy, Anna Gibson, Mary Pincan, Nora Redington.
Recitation—"Santa Claus." Master Francis Lottor.
Violin Solo—"Home Sweet Home." Master Miss Teresa Loughear.
Piano—Miss Lucie Loughear.
Duet—"Young Bunch." Misses Lucie Loughear, Hiller.
Miss Helen Stokes, Master Eugene Griffin.
"La Chateleine." Miss Ruth Jordan.
Trio—"La Marche." Misses Mary Lucille Healy, Stradling, Teresa Morrisini.
"Christmas Lullaby." Minnie. Gabriel.
Piano—Miss Gertrude Healy.
Duet—"Mistletoe Serenade." Misses Helena Wahl, Amelia O'Day, Alice O'Connor, Mary Melvin.
"In a Gondola." Miss Helen Scott.
Recitation, "The Lady Judith's Vision." Miss Clara McDonald.
"Tarentello." Miss Eleanor O'Brien.
"Love's Serenade." Miss Helen Scott.
Violin—Misses Anna Kane, Josephine Larrivee, Teresa Loughear, Master Francis Lottor, Miss Peter, William Cuffey, Leonard Howley.
Mandoline—Misses Mary Murray, Anna Gibson, Loretta Redington, Teresa Fadden, Master John Duckworth.
Duet—"Valedictoria." Misses Gertrude Healy, Miss Katie Moran, Master Annie Moran.
Vocal Solo—"Across the Street." Misses Mary Lucille Healy, Godard.
Second Mazurka. Miss Mary Kelly.
Sonata, D major (two piano). Mozart.
Misses Mary O'Hara, Lucy Loughear.
Recitation—"The Man with One Foot." E. T. Dow.
Master Leonard Howley.
Violin Solo—Gavotte. Misses Anna Kane, Miss Anna Kane.
Piano—Miss Stella Wilk.
"The Little Cavalier." Misses Anna Kane, Josephine Larrivee, Master Francis Lottor.
"Sleigh Ride." Misses Mary Murray, Anna Gibson, Loretta Redington, Teresa Fadden, Master John Duckworth.
Marching Song. Misses Mary Murray, Anna Gibson, Loretta Redington, Teresa Fadden, Master John Duckworth.
Mazurka Op. 48. Misses Mary Murray, Anna Gibson, Loretta Redington, Teresa Fadden, Master John Duckworth.
"Story of the Fairies." Misses Gertrude Healy, Miss Gertrude Healy.
Recitation—"How Busy Play." Miss Stella Wilk.
Pettie Serenade Op. 74. Misses Mary Murray, Anna Gibson, Loretta Redington, Teresa Fadden, Master John Duckworth.
Bucaphale Galop. Misses Anna Kane, Josephine Larrivee, Master Francis Lottor.
"The Lotus Flower." Misses Anna Kane, Josephine Larrivee, Master Francis Lottor.
Violin Solo—"Invitation a la Valse." Op. 22. Miss Josephine Larrivee.
Gigue—"Adagio Fiolis." Misses Mary Murray, Anna Gibson, Loretta Redington, Teresa Fadden, Master John Duckworth.
Violin—Miss Josephine Larrivee, Anna Kane, Teresa Loughear, Master Francis Lottor, William Cuffey.

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